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"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

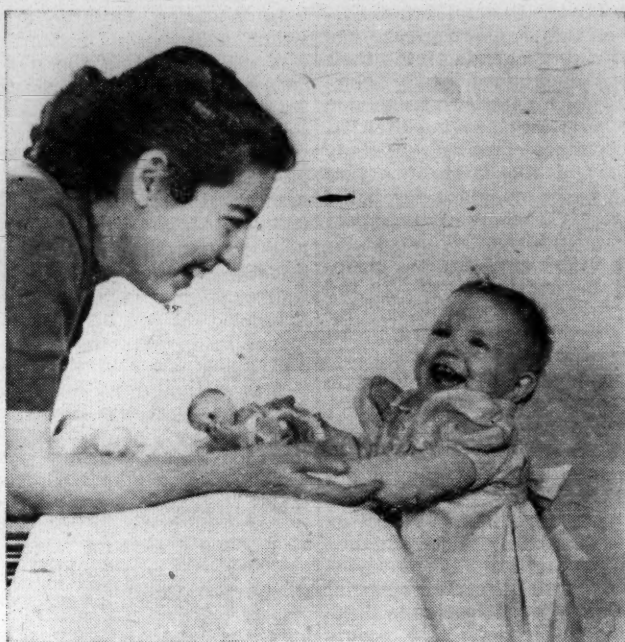
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## MY MOTHER

By Jane Taylor

Who fed me from her gentle breast,  
And hushed me in her arms to rest,  
And on my cheek sweet kisses pressed?  
My Mother.

When sleep forsook my open eye,  
Who was it sang sweet lullaby,  
And rocked me that I should not cry?  
My Mother.

Who sat and watched my infant head,  
When sleeping on my cradle bed,  
And tears of sweet affection shed?  
My Mother.

When pain and sickness made me cry,  
Who gazed upon my heavy eye,  
And wept for fear that I should die?  
My Mother.

Who dressed my doll in clothes so gay,  
And taught me pretty how to play,  
And minded all I had to say?  
My Mother.

Who ran to help me when I fell,  
And would some pretty story tell,  
Or kiss the place to make it well?  
My Mother.

Who taught my infant lips to pray,  
And love God's holy book and day,  
And walk in wisdom's pleasant way?  
My Mother.

And can I ever cease to be  
Affectionate and kind to thee,  
Who was so very kind to me,  
My Mother?

Ah, no! the thought I cannot bear,  
And if God please my life to spare,  
I hope I shall reward thy care,  
My Mother.

When thou art feeble, old and gray,  
My healthy arms shall be thy stay,  
And I will soothe thy pains away,  
My Mother.

And when I see thee hang thy head  
"Twill be my turn to watch thy bed,  
And tears of sweet affection shed,  
My Mother.

For God, who lives above the skies,  
Would look with vengeance in His eyes  
If I should ever dare despise  
My Mother.

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## A Good Word for the Wives

By Charles Haddon Spurgeon

(From *John Ploughman's Talk or Plain Advice for Plain People* in the Language of an English Farmer; Talks on Common Virtues and Faults.)

"Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life."—Prov. 31:10-12.

We pulled up the horses in the last chapter at the sign of the "Good Woman"; and as there is good entertainment for man, if not for beast, under that sign, we will make a stay of it, and dip our pen into some of that superfine ink which has no galls in it. When he writes on so fair a subject, John Ploughman must be on his best behavior.

but here it is, as near as I remember it:—

There was a victim in a cart,  
One day for to be hang'd,  
And his reprieve was granted,  
And the cart made for to stand.  
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Charles H. Spurgeon

## Deceived

By Rev. E. C. Sheehan, Pastor,  
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"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."—Prov. 14:12.

In one of our large midwestern cities it is said that in one of the packing houses was a goat named Judas, so named because he was trained to deceive the sheep and lead them to the slaughterpen. He would lead the sheep down a chute, then prance away while they went blindly to their doom. So it is with countless numbers in and out of the professing church.

We are living in a day of deceit and fraud. It was Barnum the financier of circus entertainment who supposedly said that a fool is born every minute in America. Corruption, graft, bribery, thievery, dishonesty in high and low society have come to be the expected and accepted standard in our decadent so-called civilization. Charlatans, get-rich-quick tricksters, abound in American life. The government, education, the church—all are infected by the sly cunning of Satan who deceives to damn. So it is in religion. Many are deceived into believing that church membership, lodge membership, charitable giving, good citizenship, moral character, and other such virtues, some of which are good in their places, will please God just as much as His priceless salvation through faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

Our blessed Lord Himself declared that "many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never

knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity" (Matt. 7:22, 23). What a terrible plight! What a rude awakening! To expect Heaven and find Hell as an eternal place of dwelling!

### Sin Is Itself Deceitful

This horrible judgment comes because of four sources of deception. First of all, then, sin is deception. It was in its entry to the human family. The Apostle Paul declares in I Timothy 2:14 that the "woman being deceived was in the transgression." Then again it is stated in Romans 7:11 that "sin, taking occasion by the commandment, deceived me, and by it slew me." Sin is universal, for the Word of God says, "All have sinned, and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). There is no exception to this rule in human history except in the life of God's virgin-born, Spirit-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. In spite of the witness of the Bible, our consciences, our friends, our enemies, our history, there are still those among us who stoutly maintain their innocence as relating to sin-guilt. You see, sin is deceptive. None is so blind as he who thinks he can see. To deny sin's existence, as do the modernist and the cultist, is but to reveal its deceitfulness and deadliness.

Sin is anarchy against the God of Heaven and love, but many there are who affirm that they harm no one except themselves. Not so with David. He knew the nature of sin, and so he cried in his confession to God, "Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight" (Ps. 51:4). Sin would have deceived him into accepting a cheaper estimate of his wrong. Many excuse, condone, justify, rationalize, and defend sin, not being willing to see its awful nature.

Then, again, sin is deceitful in that it camouflages its purpose and end. The Bible declares that "the soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Ezek. 18:4). Again it is declared that "the wages of sin is death" (Rom. 6:23). The evidence accumulates as God solemnly warns the wicked that "sin, when it is finished, bringeth forth death" (James 1:15). In spite of all of the faithful warnings of the Word of God, many still feel that they can escape the inevitable

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Rev. E. C. Sheehan



# If We Compromise, What Happens?

Will other evangelists lose faith and quit the ministry like Chuck Templeton? How will compromise affect the N.A.E., the Bible institutes, fundamentalism?

By the Editor

Last week we reminded our readers of our life-long stand against modernism, and of the reproach and loss of friends which it entails. Now we will try to show the dangers to preachers, to the cause of fundamentalism, to Christian institutions, to evangelism, if we and others do not keep up the fight against modernism and avoid compromise.

We dare not let up in our defense of the faith, our opposition to yoking up with modernists.

Eternal issues are at stake and God has put a great responsibility upon us. We must maintain the defense of the faith, our exposure of modernism. We must show why it is wrong for Christians to yoke up with modernists.

Dr. Billy Graham is only an incident. Any other man, friendly or unfriendly, well known or unknown, is only incidental in this matter. There are eternal issues at stake much more important than any man—the authority of the Word of God, the integrity of gospel preachers, the welfare of Christian institutions, the cause of evangelism. All these are wrapped up in being true to Christ and the Bible on the matter of separation from modernism.

It would do tremendous harm if THE SWORD OF THE LORD should stop any discussion of the question of yoking up with modernists and should let the matter ride and people go their own way without warning.

## 1. Compromise Here Is the Way to Ruin for Preachers

Why was it necessary for the Apostle Paul to face Peter and rebuke him openly before all when Peter compromised at Antioch? Paul says by divine inspiration:

*"But when Peter was come to Antioch, I withstood him to the face, because he was to be blamed. For before that certain came from James, he did eat with the Gentiles: but when they were come, he withdrew and separated himself, fearing them which were of the circumcision. And the other Jews dissembled likewise with him; insomuch that Barnabas also was carried away with their dissimulation. But when I saw that they walked not uprightly according to the truth of the gospel, I said unto Peter before them all, If thou, being a Jew, livest after*

*the manner of Gentiles, and not as do the Jews, why compellest thou the Gentiles to live as do the Jews?"—Gal. 2:11-14.*

It was necessary, first, to save Peter if he could. And Paul did save Peter from the compromise. Peter, as far as we know, from this time on stood true even under the pressure of the Judaizers from Jerusalem.

But the warnings do not always save those whom we warn about compromise. For example, Paul probably warned Demas also, yet he sadly must write later, "For Demas hath forsaken me, having loved this present world" (II Tim. 4:10). Paul warned Mark, too, and Mark at first did not heed, and he left Paul and Barnabas on their missionary journey. Later Mark got straightened out and was useful for the ministry. But Paul's remonstrances were not always successful. And we cannot always save those who slip into compromise.

But even if Peter had not heard Paul, if Peter could not be saved for the cause, it was still necessary for Paul to speak out plainly. Why? Because "the other Jews dissembled likewise with him; insomuch that Barnabas also was carried away with their dissimulation," we are told. To save Barnabas and other Jewish Christians, Paul found it necessary to rebuke Peter for his compromise. And so not only for Dr. Graham's sake but also for the sake of all those who are influenced by him, we must show what is wrong in yoking up with modernists.

I have before me one of the saddest articles I have ever read. It is from the Sunday magazine section of the *Globe* of Toronto. And here in five big pages with ten pictures is told the sad story of how Evangelist Chuck Templeton, noted evangelist, has now quit the ministry entirely. The title of the article is "Once He Preached to Thousands—Now He's Seen by Far More." The subtitle is "Toronto's Chuck Templeton hit the gospel trail and triumphed; today he's running up victories in a new field."

I had good reason to be interested in Chuck Templeton. I have had services many times in the great Avenue Road Church in Toronto, which he founded, and

where he had a triumphant ministry, building a church out of nothing, drawing great crowds. You see, for many years I have tried to pray people into the field of evangelism. When he went into the work of Youth for Christ and did full-time evangelism my heart rejoiced.

But Templeton, like Dr. Billy Graham, came under the influence of the "new evangelical" movement led by Dr. Ockenga and *Christian Life* magazine and some others. The big thing was scholarship, prestige! If he was to be as influential as he ought to be, he should go to Princeton Theological Seminary, get education, get the favor of modernistic leaders, etc. And so Chuck Templeton went to Princeton Seminary. There he lost his faith. He came out, still the colorful platform personality, and went into "evangelistic work" as a representative of the National Council of Churches. His constant fellowship was with modernists. Then he became Secretary of Evangelism for the Presbyterian Church. But he did not preach the old Gospel by which he had won thousands. Now he did not believe in the virgin birth, the deity of Christ, the blood atonement. Now he did not believe the Bible was the infallibly inspired Word of God.

Templeton, as quoted in this *Toronto Globe*, says: "The decision to change my vocation was a slow and painful one," Templeton said in an interview. "It was slow because my formal theological training had been superficial and came to maturity only after my years in Princeton, painful because I knew the decision would trouble my friends and some of those I had influenced. But over a period of years my views had evolved to the place where I was forced to make a decision. I could continue to preach, with mental reservations, or accept the alternative and leave the ministry. It became clear to me that I had no choice."

"If you're going to preach effectively, you have to have conviction," he said. "My convictions as to some aspects of Christian doctrine became diluted with doubt. I don't say I am right and all others are wrong. But feeling as I do, I could not go on in the ministry. So I left."

Templeton makes clear that he is not only out of evangelism but out of the ministry and for good. He is now writing television plays for Jackie Gleason and others.

His wife divorced him a year ago and is now remarried. In the *Toronto Globe* article is this statement: "The parting was an amicable one. His marital problems played no part in his decision to leave the church, he stressed. Had he continued in the ministry, he said, there would have been no divorce." In other words, he does not leave the ministry because his home was broken, but his home is broken because he left the ministry. We wonder how Dr. Ockenga, Dr. Graham and their "new evangelicalism" friends feel about the ruin of Chuck Templeton in following their compromising influence!

Running with modernists ruined Chuck Templeton, both as a man and as a preacher. That is one reason why we must keep reminding Christian schools it is a sin if Wheaton College or other Christian colleges recommend students to go to modernistic seminaries. And we must keep telling Dr. Graham that it is wrong for him to yoke up with unbelievers in his campaigns. It

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## INCIDENTS and Illustrations

By Evangelist Robert L. Sumner  
Contributing Editor



### Atheistic Communism

The lead editorial in the *Teacher's Gazette*, newspaper of the Ministries of Education for the fifteen Soviet Republics, soundly rebuked school teachers in the Soviet Union for not slipping enough anti-religious and atheistic propaganda into their lessons. Communist party chief Nikita S. Khrushchev was quoted in the editorial as saying that "as the people are educated and study science and the laws of nature there will be no place for belief in God." Teachers who inject atheistic propaganda into their classes in biology, physics, chemistry, mathematics, geography and other subjects were called "vanguard teachers" and lifted up as shining examples. The editorial recommended that all teachers adopt these same subtle tactics.

The newspaper expressed deep chagrin over the fact that in some areas Moslem pupils observed Holy Days, Seventh-Day Adventists stayed out of school on Saturdays, and Baptists shunned motion pictures and Communist-organized social life. The editorial blamed pupil participation in these religious holidays on "the orders of their parents," then went on to instruct the teachers to side with the pupils against their parents, recommending a tactful manner "so that the religious feelings of believers will not be insulted." The teachers were bluntly reminded that it was their job as Communist educators to produce "convinced atheists, free from the influence of any kind of religious beliefs."

Proverbs 1:7 says, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge . . ." Any education which does not start out with God as its basis will surely eventually come to naught.

"THE REAL PROBLEMS FACED BY MANKIND WILL ONLY BE SOLVED AT THE THEOLOGICAL LEVEL."—General Douglas MacArthur.

### Calling All Church Ushers!

A Nebraska educator by the name of Hosman offers some good advice to church ushers: "You are in the Lord's house, so don't act like the Devil." Enlarging on that theme, Hosman declared that the efficient usher "does not slap you on the back, grip your hand too hard, prod you toward your seat or snoot to see how much you leave in the collection plate."

Likening the usher to a "minister in the aisle" second only to the pastor in determining whether visitors will like or dislike the church, he suggested they neither dress like undertakers nor look like sports. Listing as "taboo" gum chewing, pens in suit pockets, loud ties and strong after-shave lotion, he declared that the best usher is over 25 years of age, not too tall or too short, married, a

community leader and one whose presence is "apparent but not obvious."

### A Costly Kiss

In Waterloo, Ontario, Juergen Lehne, a 19-year-old romantic lad, was caught kissing the girl who rode beside him so enthusiastically that he drove through a stop street intersection. The judge convicted him of careless driving, deprived him of his license for nine months, then fined him \$27.50 including costs. That was a mighty expensive kiss!

However, one immediately thinks of the high price Judas Iscariot paid for his kiss of betrayal in Gethsemane. That kiss cost Judas his soul since behind it was a final rejection of Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour. His kiss was so costly it compelled the Christ to comment about Judas, ". . . woe unto that man by whom the Son of man is betrayed! it had been good for that man if he had not been born" (Matt. 26:24). Yes, that was too high a price to pay for a kiss!

"I AM IN EARNEST. I WILL NOT EQUIVOCATE: I WILL NOT EXCUSE: I WILL NOT RETREAT A SINGLE INCH: AND I WILL BE HEARD!"—William Lloyd Garrison.

### Harmless (?) Disney Movies

Over and over I have been told by fond parents that the Walt Disney movies are the outstanding examples of what children should be allowed to see in movies and, admittedly, the Disney animal pictures are the very finest Hollywood has been able to produce.

However, it cannot be denied that it is solemn cause for deep consideration when heathen nations ban films as detrimental to children. News has just reached that States that Sweden's film censors at Stockholm have decreed Disney's film "Perri," which portrays the life of a squirrel, is unfit to be shown to children under fifteen years of age. They charge that the film is "not at all idyllic and peaceful and some scenes may even be harmful for children."

The only safe procedure to follow is to abstain from all Hollywood productions, no matter how innocent they may seem on the surface. (See my book, *Hollywood Cesspool*, for further information. Price: \$3.00. Available at any SWORD Christian book store or from THE SWORD OF THE LORD, adding 15c to cover postage and handling.)

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## Mother o' Mine

By Rudyard Kipling

If I were hanged on the highest hill,  
Mother o' mine, O mother o' mine!  
I know whose love would follow me still,  
Mother o' mine, O mother o' mine!

If I were drowned in the deepest sea,  
Mother o' mine, O mother o' mine!  
I know whose tears would come down to me,  
Mother o' mine, O mother o' mine!

If I were damned of body and soul,  
Mother o' mine, O mother o' mine!  
I know whose prayers would make me whole,  
Mother o' mine, O mother o' mine!



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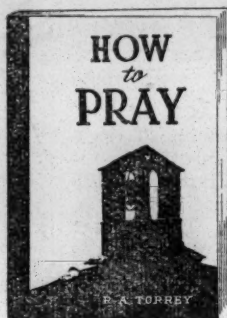
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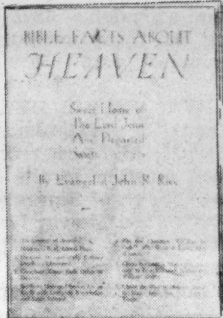
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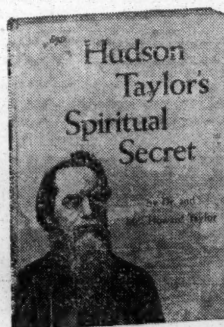


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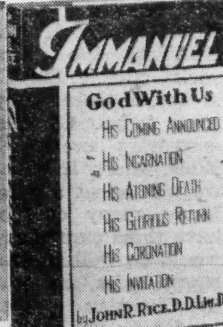


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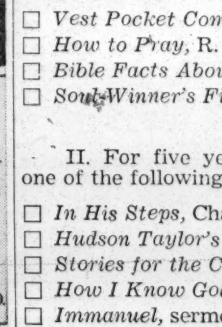


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may be, no matter who his guests are, my husband never fails to run over to his mother's and bid her good night," said the gentleman's wife when he had gone. "Neither he nor she could sleep if this duty had been neglected. When his business compels him to be away from the city, he writes to her every day, if only a single line. Her mental powers are beginning

to fail, and she forgets many things, so that her mind is blank on some points; but when nine o'clock comes she always knows the hour, and says, 'It is time for Henry to come and bid me good night.'"

—Christian Union Herald.

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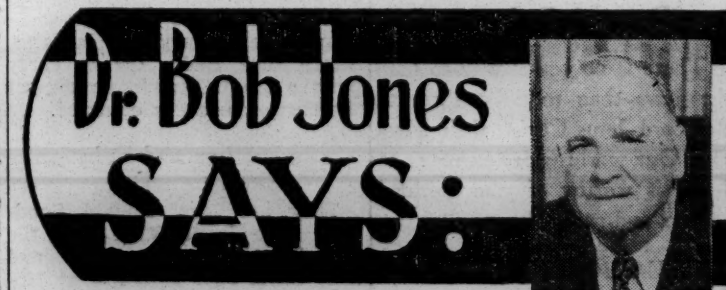
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## THE EDITOR'S Notes

by John R. Rice

One of the great commands about prayer is in Ephesians 6:18. After commanding the Christian to put on the whole armor of God, Paul continues that the Christian should be "praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints." Count the four *alls* in this wonderful outline of our duty in prayer. We should pray *always*, with *all* prayer, *all* perseverance, and for *all* the saints.

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We are sad to say that this week we are publishing the last of the Christian cartoon, "Gary"—A Christian at College. The artist Phil Saint, now a missionary in South America, ended the strip with this issue. We hope the cartoon has entertained and brought spiritual lessons.

But we have good news: Next week we start again, God willing, the famous *Jungle Doctor* missionary stories. Dr. Paul White, the Australian missionary of the Church Missionary Society who did such a marvelous medical missionary and soul-winning work in Tanganyika Territory in East Africa, writes this time the series, *Jungle Doctor Looks for Trouble*. We will meet again the characters around the missionary hospital: the old matron of nurses, Sechela; Daudi, the African Christian man who mixes medicine, preaches the Gospel, and helps the missionary doctor; and all the other colorful characters. These stories will deal with native witchcraft, with Devil worship, with the superstition and ignorance and hate of ignorant heathen men, and the loving work of the missionary and African Christians to win souls.

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## Temple Baptist Had 4,965 in Sunday School

It was a great joy to be with the pastor, Dr. G. B. Vick, at Temple Baptist Church, Detroit, on April 13. We saw between thirty and forty people come forward, most of them coming on public profession of faith in Christ. There were many tears. Every convert was dealt with carefully using Scriptures and with prayer. Most of the converts joined this great church. What a thrill it was to speak, in God's blessing, to the great throngs in which many people call the greatest church in the world. There are some 14,000 members. On April 13 the Sunday School had 4,965 present. On Easter Sunday and Palm Sunday there had been over 5,000. And the good results went right on after Easter. The preceding Sundays there had been forty, fifty-one, fifty, and ninety-three responding to the public invitation to claim Christ as Saviour or come for membership.

We thank God that He is raising up great fundamental churches, churches where the Gospel is preached in power, where evangelism is an every-day business, where they really try to carry out the Great Commission and get the Gospel to every creature.

## The Mother and Baby on the Front Page

They are Mrs. Donald Sandberg, (nee Jessie Ruth Rice, the editor's fourth daughter) and baby Carol Joy. They live at Moline, Illinois, where "Sandy" is director of music and young people's work for the Moline Free Church. We take the opportunity offered by Mother's Day to publish this lovely picture of daughter and granddaughter.

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# WITH THE Evangelists

## REPORTS FROM AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING SOUL WINNERS

By the Editor

Pastor Gale C. Tush of the Springvale Bible Church, Kansas City, Kansas, reports a blessed meeting with **DR. J. OSCAR WELLS** of Bethany, Oklahoma. During the twelve-day meeting there were 38 souls saved and 6 joined the church by letter. The pastor also reports that there was good attendance during the meeting and many decisions by Christians.

**EVANGELIST DEL FEHSENFELD** of 4521 Jarboe, Kansas City 11, Missouri, recently held a good meeting in the Grace Baptist Church of Laramie, Wyoming, where Rev. Melvin Roe is pastor. There were 11 saved, 32 young people who dedicated themselves to separated Christian living, 22

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## One of the Saddest Stories I Ever Heard

Yes, when I read in the Toronto papers Evangelist Chuck Templeton's announcement that he had quit the ministry for good because he no longer believes the Bible since going to Princeton, that his home is broken because of his leaving the ministry, I felt it was one of the saddest stories I ever read. Be sure to read my article this week, "If We Compromise, What Happens?"

If it is all right for evangelists to have modernists on the platform and lead in prayer, to send converts to modernist churches, then is it all right for us to stay in denominations and support programs which break down faith in the Bible? Shall we send our children, then, to infidel schools where the Bible is mocked?

And what will we do about the Bible doctrine of separation? Shall we now teach our children it is all right for them to join lodges and yoke with unbelievers in bloody oaths forbidden in the Bible? Shall we tell them that the false cults which break down faith in the Bible and do not teach regeneration through the blood of Christ—shall we tell them it is all right to go ahead and mix with unbelievers and join up and voke with these unbelievers in Christ and the Bible?

If it is right for Dr. Billy Graham, it is right for the men and women in your church. If it is right for preachers, it is right

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decisions to start tithing, and many other decisions among Christians.

April 3-13 Brother Fehsenfeld was with Rev. Vernon F. Shaw in the Calvary Baptist Church in Clinton, Indiana. The pastor reports there were 13 first-time decisions for Christ, 10 decisions to join the church, and a great number of rededications.

**DR. D. L. WOMACK** of 1167 Marbro Drive, Memphis, Tennessee, reports a good meeting in the Calvary Baptist Church, Chillicothe, Missouri, where Rev. A. W. Duncan is pastor. During the meeting there were 9 professions of faith and 1 rededication.

Rev. Samuel Elliott, pastor of the Long Branch Baptist Church, Toronto, Ontario, Canada, writes to tell of a blessed meeting with **REV. BOB MANDERSON**, Bethany Acres, Fallston, Maryland. Members of the congregation say that it was the best meeting they have had in twenty years. The pastor reports that there were

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## With the Evangelists

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many conversions (no figures given) and the church was genuinely revived.

Two reports come regarding **EVANGELIST HUGH BEASLEY** of Mims, Florida. March 31 through April 6 in a revival with the First Baptist Church, Seville, Florida, there were 18 saved. The pastor, Rev. E. T. Hamil, reports that Evangelist Beasley is a fearless preacher who loves people, fights sin, and exalts Christ.

Rev. D. D. Peterson, pastor of the Fairlawn Baptist Church, Fort Pierce, Florida, reports an 8 day meeting April 6-15. There were 36 who united with the church and 27 who came for baptism under the ministry of Brother Beasley. Mrs. Beasley is an accomplished pianist and travels with her husband.

In a twelve-day meeting at the Mainland Baptist Church, La Marque, Texas, where Rev. Henry Fant is pastor, **EVANGELIST DICK MELTON**, P. O. Box 12, Blytheville, Arkansas, saw 18 saved and 3 join the church by letter. The pastor reports that Brother Melton does not seek to please men but openly exposes denominational dictatorship, secret orders, worldliness, and sin of every type.

**EVANGELIST ERNEST TONETTI**, 2239 South 15th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, was with The Pilgrim Presbyterian Church, Cincinnati 2, Ohio, March 2-9. Rev. Thomas W. Sizer, pastor, reports 17 persons who came for salvation and 12 persons for rededication.

**EVANGELIST PAUL CARLIN**, Box 1488, Plainview, Texas, and gospel singer Jerry Bernard were

recently with the Hendley Baptist Church of Fort Worth, Texas. Rev. Stanley Brown, pastor, reports that there were 57 additions to the church, with 49 of these being first-time professions of faith and 37 of these coming for baptism.

In a second meeting with the Highland Street Baptist Church in Denton, Texas, there were 21 professions of faith and 4 who joined the church by transfer of letter, according to Pastor H. M. Riek.

Rev. W. B. Bedford, pastor of The Greensboro Gospel Tabernacle, Greensboro, North Carolina, writes of a good meeting with **EVANGELIST GLEN SCHUNK** of Greenville, South Carolina. During the meeting held March 10-16, there were souls saved in every service except one, and the church was genuinely revived. The pastor reports that it was the most successful evangelistic endeavor during his three-year ministry in the church.

**EVANGELIST DON WILSON** of Greenville, South Carolina, held a revival in the West Williamsfield Congregational Church from March 16-30. This was the first revival for the church in about thirty years and there were 16 conversions and 8 who promised to seek to win souls. Pastor Warren E. Jordan, Sr., enthusiastically recommends Brother Wilson's denunciation of sin and exaltation of Jesus Christ.

**DR. MYRON BOYD** of Winona Lake, Indiana, was the evangelist for an annual county-wide evangelistic effort in Oceana County, Michigan. Meetings this year were held March 12-23 in the

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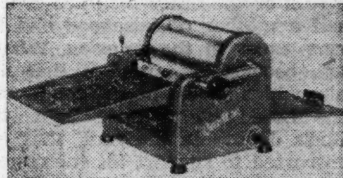
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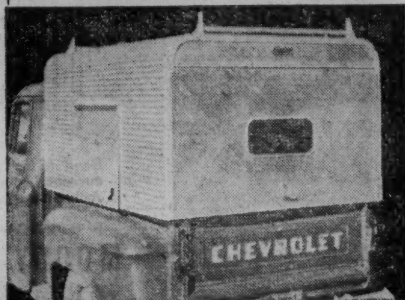
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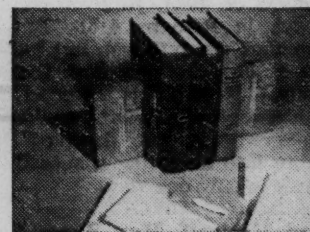
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issue of their sin and the inescapable judgment of God. Somehow, one thinks, he may be the one who gets by sin's detection and destruction. Sin is so attractive, so appealing, so alluring, so seemingly innocent, that one is deceived into agreement with the temptation because it is almost impossible to believe that such pleasure could lead to such divine displeasure and judgment.

Again, the Word faithfully warns, "Whosoever was not found written in the book of life was cast into the lake of fire . . . the second death" (Rev. 20:15, 14). This means utter separation from God, eternal punishment in a living death or a dying life, in a night that shall never end, "Be not deceived; God is not mocked; for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap" (Gal. 6: 7, 8).

### The Human Heart Is Deceitful Too

There is a second source of deceit to the unwary and unbelieving soul. The prophet Jeremiah faithfully reports that "the heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately wicked: who can know it?" (Jer. 17:9). Matthew Henry declares that "the case is bad indeed, and in a manner deplorable and past relief, if the conscience which should rectify the errors of the other faculties is itself a mother of falsehood and a ring-leader in the delusion. What will become of a man if that in him which should be the candle of the Lord give a false light, if God's deputy in the soul, that is entrusted to support his interests, betrays him?"

The heart of man here is seen as his conscience, the seat of his knowledge of good and evil, the seat of his affections. It is called in Proverbs 20:27 the "candle of the Lord." It should be an ally of man, an avenue for the living God to approach man, the throne of the Almighty. Alas, instead of fulfilling its noble, God-appointed purpose, the heart of man, the essence of his personality, turns to be his enemy, a Quisling within his gates, a Benedict Arnold to God's highest hopes for man, a deceitful traitor indeed.

The heart is the place where man feels. His emotions are centered here. Thus he is led to feel and declare that there is nothing wrong with his sin and that all is well. Like countless others, you who read these lines may feel no guilt or burden of sin. You may be sympathetic toward the needy and outcast. You may be generous in your charity. You may even be a faithful religious worker, and your family and friends may call you Christian and blessed indeed. But remember, "the heart is deceitful above all things."

You cannot, must not, trust your heart or your feelings and emotions. Judas Iscariot "went and wept bitterly" but hanged himself and went to his own place, Hell. Put your faith and trust in the living God and in His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, "the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever" (Heb. 13:8). "Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God" (Heb. 3:12). The heart is seen as the spring, the fountain-head of evil in Matthew 15:18-20 and again in Matthew 12:34. We are and speak and do what we are in our hearts. No wonder, then, our Lord says, "Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God" (Matt. 5:8). "The blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin" (1 John 1:7).

### Satan Is a Deceiver, Father of Lies

A third source of deception is the one who is called the "deceiver" (Rev. 12:9). He is also known as Satan, the "enemy" or the "opposing one." He is called Abaddon the destroyer in Revelation 9:11. He has various other titles revealing his true character: as prince of this world (John 12:31; 1 Peter 5:8); accuser (Rev. 12: 10); dragon and serpent (Rev. 12: 7); the god of this world (II Cor. 4:4); the father of lies (John 8: 44). In all of this expose in His

Word, our God is warning us against the deceitfulness of the Devil.

Many moderns in our day have thrown out the so-called legendary existence of Satan as being too childish and mythological for our advanced (?) and enlightened (?) age. Others seek to ignore his evil presence in our world while still others make a joke of this evil personage. The Lord Jesus speaks of some as being the children of the Devil and doing his bidding. These were the religious zealots and leaders, the Pharisees, in the days of our Lord on the earth.

There are some in our day, in pulpit, theological classrooms, and denominational colleges who have joined forces with the enemies of Christ in denying the existence of Satan. This is one of Satan's choice methods of deceiving souls. The Apostle Paul declares in II Corinthians 11:14 that "Satan transformeth himself into an angel of light" (marginal reading). Not here as a roaring lion, but as a teacher of religion. His favorite philosophy is, "It doesn't matter what you believe, just so long as you are sincere. We are all working for Heaven, some taking one way and some another." Jesus said, "I am the way . . . no man cometh unto the Father, but by me" (John 14:6).

Then the Devil seeks to conceal the deadly nature and result of sin. Oh, how attractive, how appealing and enticing! How seemingly innocent! Beware, sinner friend, that way leads down to death and the lake of fire, to the displeasure and judgment of God. "At the last it biteth like a serpent, and stingeth like an adder" can be said not only of strong drink but of every device of the Devil. He may be even now whispering to you suggestions of evil. Strong drink leads to drunkenness; unbridled lust and passion lead to adultery; covetousness leads to stealing; hate and jealousy lead to murder. The dance is the doorway to habitual impurity; the Hollywood movie on a TV screen or a drive-in theatre can be the prelude to immorality. Dirty, obscene literature is the Devil's smoke-screen over a horrible bottomless pit of indecency. "Be not deceived" as to the Devil's wile and guile. He purposes your damnation.

Then, again, the Devil deceives people by his beclouding the Gospel and blinding men's eyes to the truth of salvation. In II Corinthians 4:3, 4, the Apostle Paul says that "if our gospel be hid, it is hid to them that are lost: In whom the god of this world [Satan] hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them." He will lead you to believe in salvation by good charitable deeds, church membership, baptism, culture, or any number of other things. How confused the multitudes are about the plain way of salvation. It is God's free gift (Rom. 6:23). It is totally apart from our good works though it unfailingly produces good works. The Holy Spirit declares the way to be justified, cleared of guilt, forgiven of sin, saved, in Romans 4:5: "But to him that *worketh not*, but *believeth on him* that justifieth the ungodly, his faith is counted for righteousness." What could be plainer? "Be not deceived" by Satan into accepting a substitute. There is only one way.

### God Himself May Turn Persistent Rejecters Over to Strong Delusions to Be Damned

The fourth, and most terrible of all deceptions, is the deception spoken of in II Thessalonians 2:11, 12: "And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." The deceiver here is none other than God Himself. The scene is that of the Great Tribulation. The Anti-Christ, the great charlatan slave of Satan, has been seen in all his devilish activity. The Lord

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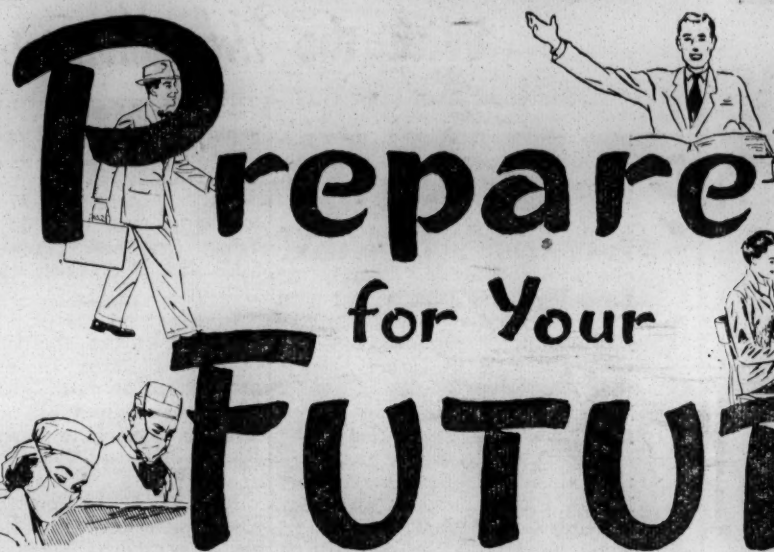
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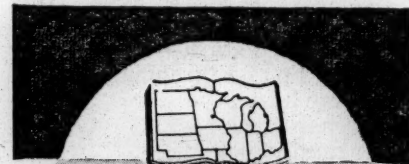
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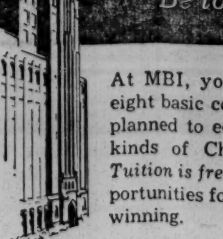
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## Deceived

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Jesus had prophesied in John 5:43 that the Jewish nation that had rejected Him would one day re-  
ceive another. That other was the  
Anti-Christ. The nations of earth,  
too, will be deceived into worship-  
ing the Beast according to Revela-  
tion 13. Oh, my friend, if you  
are a slave of Satan the Deceiver  
today, turn to the Lord Jesus the  
Way, the Truth, and the Life this  
very moment lest you, too, be  
among those deceived by the Anti-  
Christ in that soon-to-come day  
of the Great Tribulation.

You will observe that in these  
solemn verses of II Thessalonians  
those deceived have rejected God's  
truth and light. God then sends a  
strong delusion even as He hard-  
ened Pharaoh's heart when Phar-  
ah rejected God's Word and  
warning through Moses. "If the  
word spoken by angels was stead-  
fast, and every transgression and  
disobedience received a just re-  
compense of reward; How shall  
we escape, if we neglect so great  
salvation?" (Heb. 2:2, 3). "While  
it is said, To day if ye will hear  
his voice, harden not your hearts"  
(Heb. 3:15). "It is a fearful thing  
to fall into the hands of the living  
God" (Heb. 10:31). "Our God is  
a consuming fire" (Heb. 12:29).  
Yes, God will permit and even  
cause your deception if you re-  
ject His precious blood, His per-  
fect Son, His free salvation of-  
fered you by a nail-pierced, cruci-  
fied, risen, exalted Son.

Multitudes today are being led  
astray by "damnable heresies," de-  
nying the Lord who bought them.  
This is terrible proof of my  
theme: many are being deceived.  
Jesus paid it all is not only a  
song; it is the Gospel. "The wages  
of sin is death"; but "Christ died  
for our sins." "He was raised  
again for our justification." Trust  
Him now. Delay no longer lest  
you find yourself deceived by sin,  
your own miserable heart, Satan  
the enemy of your soul, and final-  
ly, incurably, by the God of Heav-  
en.

I shall never forget the coun-  
try church where I first pastored  
in the red hills of Georgia, a few  
miles from Atlanta. It was there  
I preached my first revival meet-  
ing. It was Friday morning. God  
had blessed. Souls had been saved.  
A group of young people sat near  
the front. One of the girls, about  
15 years old, was not a Christian.  
I urged her during the invitation  
to take Christ Jesus as her Sav-

ior and Lord but she refused  
with a shrug. "I have plenty of  
time," she said. That night the  
meeting closed with this young  
girl still refusing Jesus Christ.  
About a year later (I had gone  
to another pastorate) I was in-  
vited back to preach for the  
homecoming service of this  
church. One of the men said to me  
as I drove on the church yard  
that Sunday afternoon, "Preach-  
er, do you remember Helen . . . ?"  
I said, "Yes, I do. Why?" He told  
me then that she had been killed  
suddenly in a train-car crash a  
few days before. She was deceived  
into supposing she had plenty of  
time.

Oh, sinner friend, trust Jesus  
Christ now as your Saviour and  
Lord. "Be not deceived."  
—The End—

## God, Deliver Me From the Deception of Sin!

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above; now let the editor earn-  
estly urge you to turn to Christ  
and be saved. Sin is a horrible  
fact. To ignore or deny one's sin-  
fulness means ruin. To confess  
your sin, turn your heart from it,  
trust Jesus Christ for mercy and  
forgiveness, means salvation. Will  
you repent, turn with all your  
heart to the Lord Jesus Christ,

## With the Evangelists

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Shelby Methodist Church with  
26 churches co-operating. During  
the meeting there were 22 first-  
time decisions for Christ, 2 re-  
clamations, and 1 who came for  
assurance of salvation. Evangelist  
Carlo Pietropaulo of Huntington,  
West Virginia, led the morning  
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music for one of the weeks. The  
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ren Church, in Centre County,  
Pennsylvania. Although we do not  
have an exact number of people  
saved in these services, there were  
many. During the visitations in  
the homes there were 5 conver-  
sions and 6 reclamations.

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tor of the Calvary Baptist Church  
in Grand Haven, Michigan, writes  
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LIST WILLARD WYATT**, 1859  
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56 first-time decisions for Christ  
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Mr. Moody with no other idea  
than to have something to  
laugh at. I knew he was no  
scholar, and I felt sure I could  
find many flaws in his argu-  
ment. But I found I could not  
get at the man. He stood there  
hiding behind the Bible, and  
just fired one Bible text after  
another at me till they went  
home to my heart straight as  
bullets from a rifle. I tell you,  
Moody's power is in the way  
he has his Bible at the tip of  
his tongue." Jesus didn't con-  
vert the devil; He didn't set  
out to, but He defeated his  
purpose, and in just the same  
way that Moody defeated the  
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trust Him as your Saviour, and  
so become a child of God today?  
I beg you, make that noble sur-  
render of heart, take that step,  
and trust Jesus Christ to forgive  
and save you. If you will do so,  
first, make sure you decide in the  
heart, then sign the decision form  
below, copy it in a letter and mail  
today! I will tell Brother Shee-  
han of your decision and will  
write you a letter of counsel and  
encouragement. Do it today!

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needs salvation. With all my heart  
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Christ to forgive me and save me,  
because He died for me and prom-  
ised to save those who believe on  
Him. Here and now I depend upon  
Him, rely upon Him, trust Him  
to forgive my sins and save my  
soul. I will claim Him openly as  
my Saviour and will set out to  
live for Him by His help. Please  
tell Brother Sheehan of my de-  
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## A Good Word for the Wives

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"Come marry a wife, and save your life."  
The judge aloud did cry;  
"Oh, why should I corrupt my life?"  
The victim did reply.

"For here's a crowd of every sort,  
And why should I prevent their sport?  
The bargain's bad in every part,  
The wife's the worst—drive on the cart."

Now this rubbish does not prove that the women are bad, but that their husbands are good for nothing, or else they would not make up such abominable slanders about their partners. The rottenest bough cracks first, and it looks as if the male side of the house was the worse of the two, for it certainly has made up the most grumbling proverbs.

There have, no doubt, been some shockingly bad wives in the world, who have been provoking enough to make a man say,

"If a woman were as little as she is good,  
A peashell would make her a gown and a hood."

But how many thousands have there been of true helpmeets, worth far more than their weight in gold! There is only one Job's wife mentioned in the Bible and one Jezebel, but there are no end of Sarahs and Rebekahs. I am of Solomon's mind, that, as a rule, he that findeth a wife findeth a good thing. If there's one bad shilling taken at the grocer's, all the neighbors hear of it, but of the hundreds of good ones report says nothing. A good woman makes no noise, and no noise is made about her, but a shrew is noted all over the parish. Taking them for all in all, they are most angelical creatures, and a great deal too good for half the husbands.

It is much to the women's credit that there are very few old sayings against husbands, although, in this case, sauce for the

goose could make capital sauce for the gander; and the mare has as good reasons for kicking as the horse has. They must be very forbearing, or they would have given the men a Roland for every Oliver. Pretty dears, they may be rather quick in their talk, but is it not the nature of bells and belles to have tongues that swing easy?

They cannot be so very bad after all, or they would have had their revenge for the many cruel things which are said against them; and if they are a bit masterful, their husbands cannot be such very great victims, or they would surely have sense enough to hold their tongues about it. Men don't care to have it known when they are thoroughly well henpecked, and I feel pretty certain that the old sayings are nothing but chaff, for if they were true, men would never dare to own it.

### Good Wives Reflect Good Husbands

A true wife is her husband's better half, his lump of delight, his flower of beauty, his guardian angel, and his heart's treasure. He says to her, "I shall in thee most happy be. In thee, my choice, I do rejoice. In thee I find content of mind. God's appointment is my contentment." In her company he finds his earthly heaven; she is the light of his home; the comfort of his soul, and (for this world) the soul of his comfort. Whatever fortune may send him, he is rich so long as she lives. His rib is the best bone in his body.

*The man who weds a loving wife,  
Whate'er betideth him in life,  
Shall bear up under all;  
But he that finds an evil mate,  
No good can come within his gate,  
His cup is fill'd with gall.*

A good husband makes a good wife. Some men can neither do without wives nor with them; they are wretched alone in what is called single blessedness, and they

make their homes miserable when they get married; they are like Tompkin's dog, which could not bear to be loose, and howled when it was tied up. Happy bachelors are likely to be happy husbands, and a happy husband is the happiest of men. A well-matched couple carry a joyful life between them, as the two spies carried the cluster of Eshcol. They are a brace of birds of Paradise. They multiply their joys by sharing them, and lessen their troubles by dividing them; this is fine arithmetic. The wagon of care rolls lightly along as they pull together, and when it drags a little heavily, or there's a hitch anywhere, they love each other all the more, and so lighten the labor.

When a couple fall out there are always faults on both sides, and generally there is a pound on one and sixteen ounces on the other. When a home is miserable it is as often the husband's fault as the wife's. Darby is as much to blame as Joan, and sometimes more. If the husband won't keep sugar in the cupboard, no wonder his wife gets sour. Want of bread makes want of love; lean dogs fight. Poverty generally rides home on the husband's back, for it is not often the woman's place to go out working for wages. A man down our parts gave his wife

a ring with this on it, "If thee don't work, thee shan't eat." He was a brute. It is no business of hers to bring in the grist—she is to see it is well used and not wasted; therefore, I say, short commons are not her fault. She is not the bread-winner, but the bread-maker. She earns more at home than any wages she can get abroad.

### Husbands Often to Blame for Unhappy Home

It is not the wife who smokes and drinks away the wages at the "Brown Bear," or the "Jolly Topers." One sees a drunken woman now and then, and it's an awful sight but in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred it is the man who comes home tipsy, and abuses the children—the woman seldom does that. The poor drudge of a wife is a teetotaler, whether she likes it or not, and gets plenty of hot water as well as cold. Women are found fault with for often looking into the glass, but that is not so bad a glass as men drown their senses in. The wives do not sit boozing over the tap-room fire; they, poor souls, are shivering at home with the baby, watching the clock (if there is one), wondering when their lords and masters

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## Mother, Rock Me to Sleep

By Elizabeth Akers Allen

Backward, turn backward, O Time, in your flight,  
Make me a child again just for to-night!  
Mother, come back from the echoless shore,  
Take me again to your heart as of yore;  
Kiss from my forehead the furrows of care,  
Smooth the few silver threads out of my hair.  
Over my slumbers your loving watch keep;  
Rock me to sleep, mother,—rock me to sleep.

Backward, flow backward, O Tide of the years;  
I am so weary of toil and of tears,  
Toil without recompense, tears all in vain,  
Take them, and give me my childhood again;  
I have grown weary of dust and decay,  
Weary of flinging my soul-wealth away;  
Weary of sowing for others to reap,  
Rock me to sleep, mother,—rock me to sleep.

Tired of the hollow, the base, the untrue,  
Mother, oh mother, my heart calls for you!  
Many a summer the grass has grown green,  
Blossomed and faded, our faces between.  
Yet, with strong yearning and passionate pain,  
Long I to-night for your presence again,  
Come from the silence so long and so deep;  
Rock me to sleep, mother,—rock me to sleep.

Over my heart, in the days that are flown,  
No love like mother-love ever has shone;  
No other worship abides and endures,  
Faithful, unselfish, and patient like yours;  
None like a mother can charm away pain,  
From the sick soul and the world-weary brain.  
Slumber's soft calms o'er my heavy lids creep,  
Rock me to sleep, mother,—rock me to sleep.

Come let your brown hair, just lighted with gold,  
Fall on your shoulders again as of old;  
Let it drop over my forehead to-night,  
Shading my faint eyes away from the light;  
For with its sunny-edged shadows once more  
Happily will throng the sweet vision of yore;  
Lovingly, softly, its bright billows sweep;  
Rock me to sleep, mother,—rock me to sleep.

Mother, dear mother, the years have been long  
Since I last listened to your lullaby song;  
Sing, then, and unto my soul it shall seem  
Womanhood's years have been only a dream,  
Clasped to your heart in a loving embrace  
With your light lashes just sweeping my face,  
Never hereafter to wake or to weep;  
Rock me to sleep, mother,—rock me to sleep.

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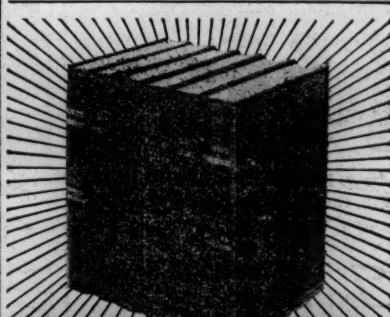
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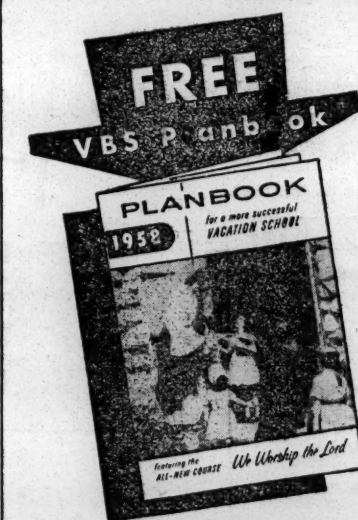
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## A Good Word for the Wives

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will come home, and crying while they wait.

I wonder they don't strike. Some of them are about as wretched as a cockchafer on a pin, or a mouse in a cat's mouth. They have to nurse the sick girl, and wash the dirty boy, and bear with the crying and noise of the children, while his lordship puts on his hat, lights his pipe, and goes off about his own pleasure, or comes in at his own time to find fault with his poor dame for not getting him a fine supper. How could he expect to be fed like a fighting-cock when he brought home so little money on Saturday night, and spent so much in worshipping Sir John Barleycorn? I say it, and I know it, there's many a house where there would be no scolding wife if there was not a skulking, guzzling husband. Fellows not fit to be cut up for mops drink and drink till all is blue, and then turn on their poor hacks for not having more to give them.

Don't tell me, I say it, and will maintain it, a woman can't help being vexed when, with all her mending and striving, she can't keep house because her husband won't let her. It would provoke any of us if we had to make bricks without straw, keep the pot boiling without fire, and pay the piper out of an empty purse. What can she get out of the oven when she has neither meal nor dough? You bad husbands, you are thoroughbred sneaks, and ought to be hung up by your heels till you know better.

They say a man of straw is worth a woman of gold, but I cannot swallow it; a man of straw is worth no more than a woman of straw; let old sayings lie as they like; Jack is no better than Jill, as a rule. When there is wisdom in the husband there's generally gentleness in the wife, and between them the old wedding wish is worked out: "One year of joy, another of comfort, and all the rest of content." Where hearts agree, there joy will be. United hearts death only parts.

They say marriage is not often merry-age, but very commonly mar-age; well, if so, the coat and waistcoat have as much to do with it as the gown and petticoat. The honeymoon need not come to an end; and when it does it is often the man's fault for eating all the honey, and leaving nothing but moonshine: when they both agree that whatever becomes of the moon they will each keep up their share of honey, there's merry living.

When a man dwells under the sign of the cat's foot, where faces get scratched, either his wife did not marry a man or he did not marry a woman. If a man cannot take care of himself, his wit must be as scant as the wool of a blue dog. I don't pity most of the men martyrs; I save my pity for the women. When the Dunmow fitch is lost, neither of the pair will eat the bacon; but the wife is the most likely to fast for the want of it. Every herring must hang by its own gill, and every person must account for his own share in home quarrels, but John Ploughman can't bear to see all the blame laid on the women. Whenever a dish is broke, the cat did it, and whenever there is mischief, there's a woman at the bottom of it: here are two as pretty lies as you will meet with in a month's march.

There's a why for every wherefore, but the why for family jars does not always lie with the housekeeper. I know some women have long tongues, then the more's the pity that the husbands should set them going; but for the matter of talk, just look into a bar-parlor when the men's jaws are well oiled with liquor, and if any women living can talk faster or be more stupid than the men, my name is not John Ploughman.

When I had got about as far as this, I stepped our minister, and he said, "John, you've got a tough subject, a cut above you; I'll lend you a rare old book to help you over the stile."

"Well, sir," said I, "a little help is worth a great deal of fault-finding, and I shall be uncommonly obliged to you."

He sent me down old William Secker's *Wedding Ring*, and a real wise fellow that Secker was. I could not do any other than pick out some of his pithy bits; they are very flavory, and such as are likely to glue themselves to the memory. He says:

"Hast thou a soft heart? It is of God's breaking. Hast thou a sweet wife? She is of God's making. The Hebrews have a saying, 'He is not a man that hath not a woman.' Though man alone may be good, yet it is not good that man should be alone. 'Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above.' A wife, though she be not a perfect gift, is a good gift, a beam darted from the Sun of mercy. How happy are those marriages where Christ is at the wedding! Let none but those who have found favor in God's eyes find favor in yours. Husbands should spread a mantle of charity over their wives' infirmities. Do not put out the candle because of the snuff. Husbands and wives should provoke one another to love, and they should love one another notwithstanding provocations. The tree of love should grow up in the midst of the family as the tree of life grew in the Garden of Eden. Good servants are a great blessing; good children a greater blessing; but a good wife is the greatest blessing; and such a help let him seek for her that wants one; let him sigh for her that hath lost one; let him delight in her that enjoys one."

To come down from the old Puritan's roast beef to my own pot-herbs, or, as they say, to put Jack after gentleman, I will tell my own experience, and have done.

### Marriage Meant to Be a Happy State

My experience of my first wife, who will I hope live to be my last, is much as follows: matrimony came from Paradise and leads to it. I never was half so happy before I was a married man as I am now. When you are married your bliss begins. I have no doubt that where there is much love there will be much to love, and where love is scant faults will be plentiful. If there is only one good wife in England, I am the man who put the ring on her finger, and long may she wear it. God bless the dear soul if she can put up with me, she shall never be put down by me.

If I were not married today, and saw a suitable partner, I would be married tomorrow morning before breakfast. What think you of that? "Why," says one, "I think John would get a new wife if he were left a widower." Well, and what if he did, how could he better show that he was happy with his first? I declare I would not say, as some do, that they married to have some one to look after the children; I should marry to have some one to look after myself. John Ploughman is a sociable soul, and could not do in a house by himself. One man, when he married his fourth wife, put on the ring—

"If I survive, I'll make it five."

What an old Bluebeard! Marriages are made in Heaven; matrimony in itself is good, but there are fools who turn meat into poison, and make a blessing into a curse. "This is a good rope," said Pedley, "I'll hang myself with it." A man who has sought his wife from God, and married her for her character, and not merely for her figurehead, may look for a blessing on his choice. They who join their love in God above, who pray to love, and love to pray, will find that love and joy will never cloy.

He who respects his wife will find that she respects him. With what measure he metes it shall be measured to him again, good measure, pressed down, and running over. He who consults his spouse will have a good counselor. I have heard our minister say, "Women's instincts are often truer than man's reason"; they jump at a thing at once, and are wise offhand. Say what you will of your wife's advice, it's as likely as not you will be sorry you did not take it. He who speaks ill of women should remember the breast he was nursed at, and be ashamed of himself. He who ill-treats his wife ought to be whipped at the cart tail, and would not I like a cut at him! I would just brush a fly or two off, trust me for that. So no more at present, as the thatcher said when he had cleared every dish on the table.

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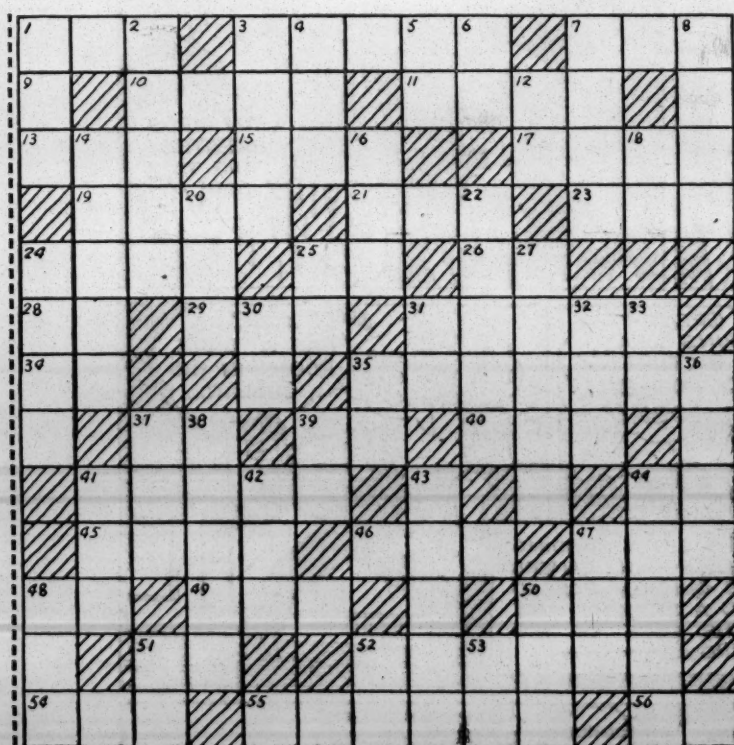
- 1 Doctor of Optical Science (abbr.)
- 3 "The minstrels and the people making a . . ." (Matt. 9)
- 7 From
- 9 and 11 across—"Damsel, . . . say unto . . . arise."
- 10 Make supplication to
- 13 District Staff Officer (abbr.)
- 15 Memorandum (abbr.)
- 17 Month of the Jewish Sacred year
- 19 "Besought him that he would . . . into his house" (Luke)
- 21 "Why make ye this ado, . . . weep?"
- 23 "But come and . . . thy hand upon her" (Matt.)
- 24 "They should tell no man what was . . ." (Luke)
- 25 Indefinite article
- 26 Plural ending of some nouns
- 28 Ancestor of Jesus
- 29 " . . . daughter is dead."
- 31 "He took the damsel by the . . ." (pl.)
- 34 Same as 25 across
- 35 Transient celestial bodies
- 37 Horsepower (abbr.)
- 39 Upon
- 40 "Something should be given . . . to eat."
- 41 "He was a . . . of the synagogue." (Luke 8)
- 44 A degree (abbr.)
- 45 "Heard the word . . . was spoken"
- 46 "And . . . shall live."
- 47 Has permission
- 48 "But . . . he went the people thronged him." (Luke)
- 49 Is able to
- 50 Friend (Fr.)
- 51 " . . . not afraid, only believe"
- 52 Jairus wanted his daughter to be . . .
- 54 "She was of the . . . of twelve years."
- 55 "The . . . is not dead, but sleepeth."
- 56 Therefore

### CLEWS DOWN

- 1 "Followed him, and so . . . his disciples" (Matt.)
- 2 Implement used in eating
- 3 "There came a man . . ." (d) Jairus." (Luke)
- 4 Grandchild (Scot var.)
- 5 Street (abbr.)
- 6 Exclamation of inquiry
- 7 "He . . . at his feet."
- 8 "He had one . . . daughter." (Luke 8)
- 12 Electrical Engineer (abbr.)
- 14 "They laughed him to . . ."
- 16 "Suffered no . . . to follow him, save"
- 18 Underwriting account (abbr.)
- 20 Came together
- 22 "Daughter lieth at the point of . . ."
- 24 "My daughter is even now . . ." (Matt.)
- 25 Yea (var.)
- 27 Jeer
- 30 "And . . . cometh to the house."
- 31 Same as 30 down
- 32 Dorbeetle
- 33 Senior (abbr.)
- 35 Manganese (abbr.)
- 36 Remain
- 37 Exclamation expressing interrogation
- 38 "Give . . . for the maid is not dead." (Matt.)
- 39 Word marking an alternative
- 41 Religious Tract Society (abbr.)
- 42 Greek letter
- 43 Coverings for the feet
- 44 Damsels
- 47 Master of Mechanical Engineering (abbr.)
- 48 Good Judean king (II Chron. 14)
- 50 "When he had put them . . . out"
- 51 "She shall . . . made whole." (Luke)
- 52 His Majesty (abbr.)
- 53 Agricultural Engineer (abbr.)

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will be the ruin of thousands of other young preachers influenced by Dr. Graham.

Dr. Graham, with a wife who is strongly fundamental, and with Wheaton College background, and with strong ties in Youth for Christ, may be kept from losing his faith and may himself not turn out to be an active modernist. I hope so. But he cannot avoid the fact that others will lose their faith by running with the same crowd he runs with and by following the same course which he has laid out before them as desirable. Dr. Graham goes to New York City under the auspices of modernists, has them on his committees, counts them his dear friends, sends converts to their churches. And for Dr. Graham it turns out that he gets nearly a half million dollars for the Graham enterprises out of the campaign, besides the local expenses of the New York Crusade. But many another young man who follows his example will not get a half million dollars, but will get the ruin of his ministry, the loss of his faith, and perhaps like Templeton, the wreck of his home.

THE SWORD OF THE LORD is accountable to God for some 22,000 preachers, 3,000 missionaries who take THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Under God we must warn them. Running with modernists is the way to utter ruin. As Paul set out to save Barnabas and others who were misled by Peter's compromise, we must warn young preachers not to follow the example of Dr. Graham in yoking up with unbelievers.

### 2. Unless THE SWORD OF THE LORD and Others Solemnly Combat the Compromise of Christians With Modernism, It Will Hamstring the Cause of Fundamentalism and Stop the Opposition to Modernism

THE SWORD OF THE LORD is in the heritage of great Christian leaders of the past. The work of W. B. Riley, of James M. Gray, of C. I. Scofield, of H. A. Ironside, of I. M. Haldeman, A. C. Gaebel, B. H. Carroll, Robert Dick Wilson, Warfield, Machen, R. A. Torrey, D. L. Moody and Billy Sunday was not only a work of preaching the fundamentals of the Gospel, but in defending the faith from unbelief.

Many of the most useful denominations and groups of Christians in America came together on the basis of a defense of the faith and separation from infidelity represented by modernism. The General Association of Regular Baptist churches was formed as a direct protest against modernism. These Baptist churches principally came out of the Northern Baptist Convention (now American Baptist) over the inclusive policy and modernistic control. The Conservative Baptist Association was formed on the same basis, that of separation from modernism. Both these groups of Baptists are doing a tremendous work with hundreds of foreign missionaries and with many people being saved in the nearly 2,000 churches involved. The World Baptist Fellowship is made up of churches and people who made a protest against modernism and founded a soul-winning denomination on this basis. It includes some of the largest churches in the world.

The Grace Brethren group was formed on the same basis, a protest against modernism. And in some measure this opposition to modernism had part in the formation of a number of other denominations. And the Independent Fundamental movement is altogether a part of the solemn fight commanded in the Bible against modernism, the contending of the faith which we are commanded to do.

But the influence of yoking up with modernism in the Billy Graham campaigns has the effect of nullifying the protest against modernism.

Dr. Dan Potter, secretary of

the Protestant Council of Churches in New York City, a division of the National Council of Churches, recently spoke in Greenville, South Carolina, promoting a Graham campaign there to take place in August. The Greenville Piedmont of January 11 says that he was accompanied by Dr. L. W. Pitts, the rector of Grace Episcopal Church, New York, who had charge of the counseling of the New York Crusade. The paper quotes Dr. Potter as follows: "He said there were 1,700 churches co-operating with the Protestant Council before the Billy Graham New York Crusade and that now there are more than 3,000 churches co-operating with the Council."

That means that now 1,300 churches, who as a matter of conscience would not co-operate with modernists before in the New York City Protestant Council, now, under Dr. Graham's influence, have given up their protest and have gone into work officially with the National Council of Churches and with the modernists in the New York area in the Protestant Council.

And why not? If it was right to work eighteen weeks sitting on the same platform with modernists, why would it not be right to work with them the rest of the year? And if it was right to send the converts to the churches of

modernists before, why would it be necessary to carry on a fight against these same modernists the rest of the year? And so 1,300 churches in the New York area have now stopped the fight against modernism, the fight against the National Council of Churches, have stopped the protest and have joined in with the Protestant Council in New York City, according to Dr. Potter, the secretary of the New York group. And they did that because of the influence of Dr. Graham himself and of his paid workers, and those who joined Dr. Graham's fight against fundamentalists and for co-operation with modernists.

All over America then we may expect that preachers and churches will lose their convictions and will stop their protest against modernism and will join in with the modernistic National Council of Churches, as a result of Billy Graham's influence.

That way leads to ruin and death! It means preachers losing their faith and turning away from old-time Bible preaching. It means missionary money spent for social uplift instead of soul winning. It means colleges where the faith of young Christians is broken down. Unless we speak out boldly and plainly, the cause of modernism will be promoted more by compromising evangelists in America than by all the modernistic schools together! Speaking out means criticism, the loss of friends. But we must be true for the sake of the cause of Christ.

### 3. Compromise With Modernism Will Ruin Evangelism in America

Surely this editor does not have to affirm our burden for evangelism. A lifetime of preaching and prayers and tears, a lifetime of promoting evangelism, twenty-three and one-half years editing THE SWORD OF THE LORD without salary, and writing and publishing in the field of evangelism without financial reward—these things prove this editor's deep concern for evangelism.

We believe that evangelism in America will be ruined if someone does not plainly hold up the standard of New Testament evangelism—an evangelism which is true to Christ in doctrine and fellowship, as well as in simply calling people to turn to Christ.

Compromise with modernism has caused Chuck Templeton to lose Christian faith. Now he does not believe the Bible, does not believe what he once preached, cannot even be a modernist preacher, but has gone into the entertainment world. Not only is his faith lost, his ministry ruined, but his home is broken by divorce, which he says would not have occurred but for his leaving the ministry. The fate of Chuck Templeton should make other evangelists lie awake at night in heartbroken waiting on God, confession, and self-examination.

I know another evangelist who now has broken with Bob Jones University, where he got his train-

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—Paul Rader

ing, because of Dr. Billy Graham's example. He now defends the Revised Standard Version of the Bible which he once condemned. He now seeks the fellowship of modernists. That road is the road to ruin not only for the individual evangelist but for evangelism.

I know another young evangelist trained in a great Christian school, fundamentalist in background, who has had wonderful blessing in revival work. I pray for him daily. Now he has broken with fundamentalist friends, has undertaken to preach only in Southern Baptist circles, and those acceptable certain Southern Baptists, and only in churches

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where 800 or more are in Sunday School, I understand. Thus he is getting better financial income and avoids the odium of being an out-and-out fundamentalist. And he made this change as a direct result of Dr. Billy Graham's choosing to be sponsored by modernists. He defends Dr. Graham's stand.

You see, Dr. Graham was special guest at the Southern Baptist Seminary where Nels Ferre, Emil Brunner, Robert McCracken, and other modernists have been invited guests. And if it was right for Dr. Graham to go to support financially and endorse publicly this Seminary, and this association with modernists, the young evangelist thinks it is all right for him also.

I say that the old-time Bible-preaching evangelism which condemns sin, which defends the faith, which demands outright repentance, the kind of evangelism which brings a moral revolution, will be gone, if somebody does not stand up for it, and warn of the ruin of compromising with sin and unbelief for temporary gain.

All of us rejoice in the souls that are saved under Dr. Billy Graham's campaigns, just as we rejoice over the souls saved under Oral Roberts' preaching and souls that were saved under Aimee Semple McPherson's preaching and the souls that were saved under Chuck Templeton's preaching, before his ministry was ruined with association with modernism. But one may gather fruit and ruin the orchard at the same time. It is easier to break the branches off the trees and then pick the cherries, but that ruins the orchard for the future. So soul winning which is based on compromise and which gives the permanent advantage and influence to unbelievers in the Bible will ruin evangelism if it is not protested. All who are for the kind of evangelism of D. L. Moody, R. A. Torrey, Sam Jones, and Billy Sunday must protest against modernism as these men did. And to allow the note of protest and rebuke for unbelief to be taken out of evangelism will ruin evangelism, and in the long run will damn millions of souls. May God give us grace to be faithful here!

### 4. Compromise With Modernism Will Ruin Fundamental Christian Institutions

THE SWORD OF THE LORD cannot remain quiet on this matter of yoking up with modernism, calling unbelievers Christians, sending converts into the hands of Christ-rejecters and enemies of the Bible.

To make the matter clear, there is a great concern now being felt in Chicago over plans which Dr. Graham and his party are making to come to Chicago in the future. They have people actually working, bringing pressure to bear on denominational groups to enlist the Christian people in the campaign which is to be dominated by modernists, unbelievers. Many pastors are so concerned about it that a group of pastors recently asked me to meet with them for two and one-half hours of discussion, planning and prayer in Chicago. With publicity coming out already in the Chicago daily newspapers and with pressure from denominational headquarters to conform, these pastors feel they must let their position be known in order to save their people from ruin.

If Dr. Billy Graham comes to Chicago sponsored by the Federation of Churches, which is dominated of course by modernists, will Christian institutions go along? Will they join in the campaign, hoping to get some members and some prestige out of it, while they lose their testimony? Some of them will. Some of them, we trust, will not. Paid propagandists are working now for compromise in Chicago with modernism, so we are duty bound to face the issue.

But what will be the results?

The Moody Church will go along with the plan. The pastor is an Englishman and while he has criticized the evangelism of the old-time evangelists and present-day evangelists who fight sin and oppose modernism, he is actively pressing the matter of bringing Billy Graham to Chicago. And that will mean that Moody Church, which was founded by D. L. Moody and which has had its strength all the years as an opponent to modernism, will have lost that testimony publicly.

Will Moody Bible Institute co-operate in ecumenical evangelism if Dr. Graham comes to Chicago? We have no authority to speak for Dr. Culbertson and Moody Bible Institute, but we do not believe they will officially co-operate. If they do not co-operate, they will be demeaned and criticized by brethren who are denominationally minded, who want the prestige of a Billy Graham campaign. But if they do go along in such ecumenical evangelism, co-operating with modernists, with Moody officials sitting on the platform with modernists, having modernists lead in prayer, then Moody Bible Institute will be ruined.

In the first place, modernists will not support an independent Bible institute standing for the fundamentals of the faith. They want more "scholarship." They are not interested in Bible institutes but in seminaries and universities. And besides that, the aims and programs of fundamental Bible institutes are foreign to modernistic thinking and planning. So the only genuine support that Moody Bible Institute can expect must come from ardent Bible believers, the Christians who are sold on the defense of the faith. Those who are "come outers," those who are active opponents of modernism give their money, send their students, and back Moody Bible Institute and every other independent, fundamental, Bible-believing institute in America. If these Christians lose their faith in Moody Bible Institute, it will cut off the support, and the Bible Institute would not only lose its testimony very largely, but the confidence of the best Christians which have made it possible through the years. I do not believe that Moody Institute would co-operate and would let down its flag. But it would mean heartache and division if they should have to make the decision, and ruin if they decided wrong, in my humble judgment. The ruin of all sound Bible Institutes is threatened, if Dr. Graham's campaign for compromise succeeds widely.

What about Wheaton College? It is in the Chicago area, twenty-five miles west. Wheaton College would doubtless officially co-operate. They have already indicated their endorsement of Billy Graham's ecumenical evangelism. And Wheaton College is largely the center of the so-called "new evan-

gelicalism." Wheaton College was long the leading independent, fundamental Christian college in America. We think that co-operation in a Billy Graham campaign would simply stifle further any protest against modernism and any protest against worldliness and would carry Wheaton College further toward the camp of modernism.

What about the National Association of Evangelicals? It was founded as a protest against the National Council of Churches. Dr. Ockenga and Dr. Billy Graham have largely influenced the leaders and these leaders have largely influenced him. The way Billy Graham goes, so goes the National Association of Evangelicals. Already Dr. Ockenga is making an open fight for co-operation with modernism. So does Dr. Donald Grey Barnhouse. National Association leaders are boosting strongly for Billy Graham campaigns. Thus I think they betray the mass of common Christians who trusted these leaders and who meant their membership in the National Association of Evangelicals as a protest against the National Council of Churches and its modernistic leadership and program.

But the only real future for the National Association of Evangelicals in America is as the representative of the groups that are not willing to co-operate with the National Council of Churches. If co-operation in the National Council of Churches is right, then there is no real need for the National Association of Evangelicals. For a season the National Association of Evangelicals can go on as simply a parallel organization, run by a selected clique of men, but without any real protest against modernism and without any very real spiritual leadership. But the future of the organization will be ruined unless it stands as it was originally intended by most of us who helped found it, for the fundamentals of the faith and against modernism.

Originally the position of the mass of people in the National Association of Evangelicals was represented by the pamphlet, *Death in the Pot*, by Dr. J. Elwin Wright, and by *Ecclesiastical Octopus* (an exposure of the modernism in the Federal Council of Churches), by Ernest Gordon.

What about Youth for Christ? Will it continue as a soul-winning agency with the pure Gospel of Christ and supported by Bible-believing churches and pastors? Or will it stop all protest against modernism and hope to gain the young people of modernistic churches by promising not to disturb them over questions of the deity of Christ and the blood atonement, the virgin birth, and the verbal inspiration of the Bible? You will remember that Dr. Billy Graham is an international vice-president of Youth for Christ. If Youth for Christ becomes an organization fitting into the modernistic programs of major denominations, and in hearty agreement with the National Council of Churches, then its usefulness will be largely ended.

The threatened ruin of Christian institutions is so drastic that not to cry out and warn of impending ruin which comes from yoking up with modernism and from shutting out all protest against unbelief, would be a sin.

Martin Luther, before the Council at Worms when it was demanded that he cease to protest against the evils of Catholicism and the false plan of salvation taught, refused to recant and said, "God help me, I cannot do otherwise!" He felt as we do. We must be true to Christ and the Bible. We will lose friends, we will be misunderstood. "Foes may hate and friends may shun me," but to be true to Christ is to protest against modernism and any compromise with modernism.

We do not hate anybody. We are not opposing men. We are opposing the wicked unbelief of modernism. Those who are friends of modernists do not want them mentioned. Those who like to work with the National Council of Churches do not want us to expose their unfaithfulness to Christ. Those who are backing certain denominational programs which are themselves a compromise with modernism, will necessarily support Dr. Billy Graham in his yoking up with modernists. But if we would be true to

Christ, we must carry on our defense of the faith. And we ask those who are real fundamentalists of sound convictions to take up the cross and be true to Christ, and to the Bible, and to those who stand true to Christ and the Bible.

On this kind of a program we simply ask that those who have been for THE SWORD OF THE LORD's position in the past will be for it now, and those who are willing to suffer somewhat in order to be true to Christ will be true now in a time of testing. Generations to come, if Jesus tarry, will be blessed or cursed by what we do now. We must be faithful, or account to Christ for unfaithfulness in the battle between belief and unbelief, between the friends of the Bible and the enemies of the Bible.

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